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Foundation Evening at Café Brings Money, Music and Some Memories

by Charis Pannell

On Sunday, July 26, Greenbelters, friends of the city and friends of the musical performers INDIGO and 3AM filled the New Deal Café – escaping the summer heat – to celebrate the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) and the ways the organization benefits the city.

Guests enjoyed music provided by the blues, funk and neosoul groups, dined on café delicacies including stuffed grape leaves, hummus and pita bread, sipped on wine, beer and other refreshments and listened to speeches that honored and detailed the history and future of GCF. GCF strives to nourish the city by making grant awards for projects in the arts, education, environment and community enhancement.

Suzette Agans, chair of the GCF Advisory Board, spoke on where the foundation, which officially formed in 2006 and now operates under the Community Foundation for the National Capital

Region, is now, saying that it is a stronger foundation than when it started. “We’re able to do more,” she said.

And even though GCF has already given away nearly \$135,000, Agans said that the organization is still soliciting ideas and reminded the crowd that the next round of grant applications

is due October 15. She also highlighted the theme for next year’s ten-year anniversary of GCF: One Greenbelt.

Reflecting On Our Roots

Sylvia Lewis, of Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI), one of the original GCF members who helped grow and inspire

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Councilmember Todd Turner presents a check for \$25,000 from the Prince George's County Council to Suzette Agans, chair of the Foundation board.

Enhanced Child Exploitation Policy Set by Police and City

by Sue Krofchik

An updated and comprehensive plan for Greenbelt police and the city to address child exploitation crimes is now in effect. The impetus for this action was a 2012 case of child pornography investigated by Greenbelt police with no notice given to the public that an alleged crime had occurred nor the name of the person charged. This was in keeping with city and police policies and procedures in effect at that time. Only after the person had been tried and convicted did the matter become public knowledge. Adding to citizen concern was that the person continued to be employed by the county-owned Greenbelt library, where he had access to the public, both after being arrested and after conviction.

The enhanced policy is a product of council meetings and worksessions, public input and vetting by two city standing committees, the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB).

The new plan of action calls for specialized training for police and a written procedure for releasing information to the media about child pornography crimes; changes in city employment regulations; placement of a Greenbelt detective on a Maryland State Police child exploitation task force and future training for Greenbelt CARES staff, along

with upcoming workshops for the community.

“I am confident,” says Greenbelt Police Department Special Operations Division Commander Captain Thomas Kemp, that implementation of enhanced policies creates a “better and safer environment for children.” He credits cooperation between residents, city staff and police personnel in crafting the enhanced policy.

Plan Specifics

All Greenbelt police officers have attended a course given by the Maryland State Police Child Exploitation Crimes Unit which focuses on recognition, response and investigation of child exploitation crimes, including human trafficking, child pornography and child prostitution. This training will be given annually to new recruits. Ongoing training for all officers will also be provided on the latest technology and relevant changes to existing laws.

The city has received approval to place a detective on the Maryland State Police Internet Child Exploitation Task Force. Police department regulations now require that the names of those arrested for the crime of child pornography be included in the Weekly Crime Report, as long as the specific identities of victims or witnesses is not compromised.

A press release will also be issued immediately after the suspect’s court disposition is deter-

mined. Updates on police officer training will be submitted to the Greenbelt News Review, as will tips on various ways residents can protect their children and themselves from predators.

The city employment code has been modified so that any employee suspected of crimes against children can be managed quickly and effectively.

Dr. Liz Park, director of Greenbelt CARES, is facilitating training for her staff by the organization Darkness to Light. It is dedicated to educating people on how to prevent sexual abuse of children. Their website is www.d21.org.

A community-wide workshop to help raise awareness about child exploitation and how to prevent it is also being planned by CARES.

Kemp describes the department as striving to be a leader in our region for aggressive efforts to prevent, identify, respond to, investigate and successfully prosecute any person who preys on children. “I can think of nothing more important or noble that we can accomplish,” Kemp said.

The Maryland Sex Offender Registry, dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch, includes the residences of all sex offenders listed on the registry, referenced by zip code or street address, including those offenders found guilty of child pornography and other sex crimes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER NORDEN

Kathie Lee Gifford holds baby Will Wertz. To her left are Heather Norden, her husband Bill Wertz and grandmother Beth Norden. On her right are the co-songwriter David Friedman, singer Kelli Rabke and Hoda. The man on the far right is the keyboard player.

Greenbelt Baby and Parents Featured on the Today Show

by Kathleen McFarland

Imagine being only six months old and having a song written about you which was performed on TV. When baby Will Wertz grows older, he’ll learn he was that baby. Maybe by then, thanks to people like his parents and their supportive family and friends – and improvements in medical science – there will be many more happy people, blessed with children they were told they could never have.

On July 16, baby Will and his parents, Greenbelters Heather Norden and Bill Wertz, were featured on the Kathie Lee and Hoda segment of NBC’s Today Show. A new song, Where There’s a Will There’s a Way, co-written by Kathie Lee Gifford herself with David Friedman, was sung with gusto by Broadway singer Kelli Rabke. The song is catchy and uplifting, celebrating the goodness that can come from hard work and determination.

Kathie Lee took the title for

the song from an inspiring letter written by Heather, who is a child psychologist, in response to the show’s Everyone Has a Story contest. Her letter tells of the devastating news she received four years ago: she had an aggressive uterine cancer requiring surgery that would make her incapable of having children. The news came just when she had met Bill, the man she was falling in love with and married after becoming cancer free. With his love and encouragement, in spite of many disappointments and setbacks during the long process, she never gave up her dream of having their own child. Her joy and thankfulness to all who supported her – the doctors at the fertility clinic, her family and friends, the surrogate mother, the many prayers – all poured out in her letter, which was selected over many others.

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What Goes On

Saturday, August 8

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Storm Drain Stenciling, Meet at Windsor Green Community Center

Monday, August 10

5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Youth Center

8 p.m., City Council, Municipal Building, live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, August 12

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenteam Solar Briefing, Community Center

Thursday, August 13

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse

Friday, August 14

7 p.m., Time Warp by Circus Camp Members, Greenbelt Community Center

Saturday, August 15

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Storm Drain Stenciling, Meet at Windsor Green Community Center

3 and 7 p.m., Time Warp by Circus Camp Members, Greenbelt Community Center

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Letters to the Editor

Examining the Health Of Forest Preserve



Heavy concentrations of stilt grass are on the right, mile a minute vines on the left. This picture was taken on Sunday, August 2, in the Forest Preserve behind the Northway compost.

City staff and the city’s Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) are examining bids from two firms to examine the health of the preserve. The firms go by the acronyms ESA and AMT. Both employ qualified forest ecologists/biologists and appear capable of carrying out the study commissioned by Greenbelt’s City Council.

I urge the city to immediately publish the entire contents of both proposals on its official website. Every citizen in Greenbelt deserves to have this information available as soon as possible. The last time I checked, the website contained the original “Request for Proposal” that was drafted by Planning Director Celia Craze, with input from FPAB

members. It can be located with the key words “forest preserve health.”

I applaud the city council for commissioning such a study. The data it generates can guide future efforts to implement promises made in what I consider a sacred document: “Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines.” The city council adapted the 62-page guidelines in 2007, enshrining a principle that the 200-plus acre tract of woods bordered by the BW Parkway, GHI and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center be perpetually maintained in its natural state.

The issue facing voters is whether to maintain the present policy of allowing heavy concentrations of common invasives, such as English Ivy, to continue climbing toward the most pristine part of the preserve: Blueberry Hill. Here, I am referring to a grotesque concentration of invasives in a limited area of the preserve adjacent to the Northway compost pile.

At present, members of the city council appear divided over what, if anything, should be done to manage the preserve. Some councilmembers prefer to let nature take its course, accepting whatever equilibrium results from the ongoing battle between native plants and invasives. Other councilmembers appear willing to allow volunteers from the community to participate in supervised efforts to protect pristine areas of the preserve. Unfortunately,

it is not entirely clear who on the council supports what.

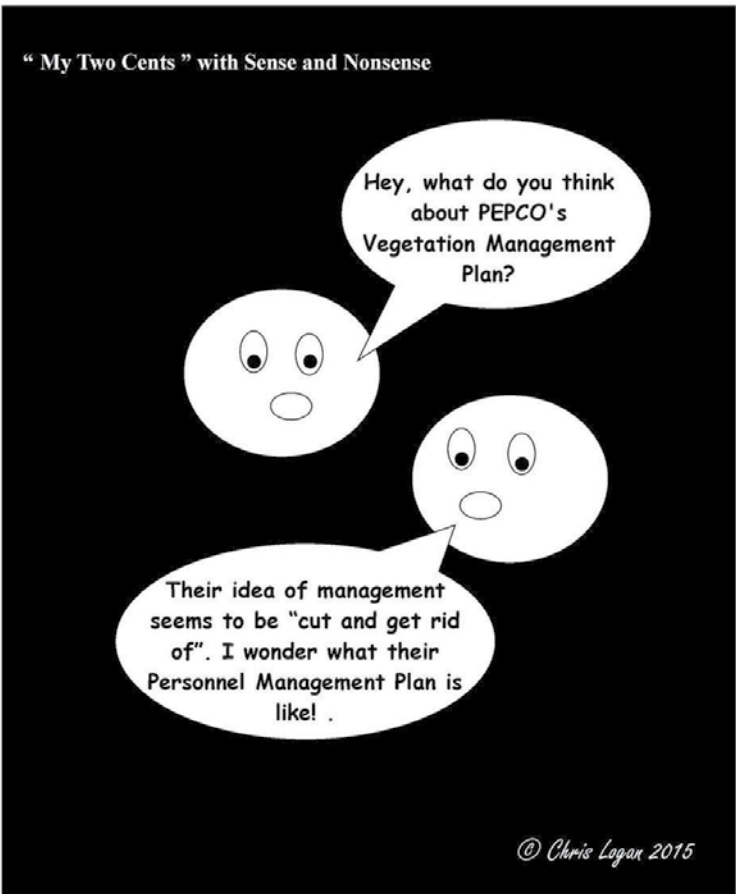
This is why I urge the city to publish the full ESA and AMT proposals on its website. I also urge members of the community to attend the August 20 meeting of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (7 p.m. at the Community Center). Members of board are deeply divided on whether to proceed with the forest health assessment or whether to delay the assessment.

I summarize preserve’s dilemma with the slogan, “Protect, Don’t Neglect.” The preserve has many friends in Greenbelt, and volunteers occasionally gather to pick up trash. However, the city council recently banned all efforts to manage invasives. The present council ban is so pervasive that city staff is forbidden from organizing or authorizing groups of volunteers, led by qualified individuals, from removing even the most common invasives.

Hopefully, publication of the ESA and AMT proposals for everyone to read will prompt enough public debate that the city council can be persuaded to move forward. The timing for immediate council consideration appears favorable, as early voting will begin in mid-October for elections on November 3. I remind everyone that the city is full of qualified scientists and willing volunteers who share my concern over the preserve’s declining health.

Willis Witter
FPAB member

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Correction

Regarding council’s discussion at its July 13 meeting of the type of path to construct in the new Belle Point playground, it was mistakenly reported in the July 16 paper that Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested a path might not be needed for that playground at all. In fact, Roberts supported constructing the path but challenged only the spending of additional funds for a pervious surface.

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On Screen

A Campus Mystery

Opening Friday, August 7 at Old Greenbelt Theatre is Irrational Man, the latest film by Woody Allen. A troubled philosophy professor (Joaquin Phoenix) takes up with a student (Emma Stone) in the summer term at a small liberal arts college in Rhode Island.

The cast is caught up in tangled ethical issues, with an antic science professor (Parker Posey) providing some lay-about laughs. Unlike the old days, Allen isn’t seen on screen, but his persistent persona can be sensed in Professor Abe Lucas’s wrestling with his conundrums.

R. Running time: 96 minutes.

– Eli Flam

This week's Swifty . . .

“The key to our mixed doubles win will be my partner’s overpowering serves,” she predicted m _ _ _ _ ingly.

Answer to 7/23 Swifty: “Just hurry up and fix the darn air conditioner!” he yelled HEATEDLY..

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IRRATIONAL MAN (R)
(96 m.)

Fri. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 1:00 PM, 3:15 PM,
5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC), 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. – Thurs. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of August 10 are as follows:

Monday, August 10: Apple juice, sliced turkey breast with cranberry orange sauce, roasted potato medley, Brussel sprouts, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday, August 11: Grape juice, corn chowder soup with crackers, sliced roast beef, wheat bread, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, August 12: Cranberry juice, Creole steak, Del Monico potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, applesauce.

Thursday, August 13: pineapple juice, baked potato with pulled chicken, shredded cheese, sour cream, mixed green salad with thousand island dressing, saltine crackers, fresh fruit.

Friday, August 14: grape juice, krabby cake, corn O'Brien, hot spiced applesauce, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, tartar sauce, chocolate cake.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club always welcomes visitors. Come to the Community Center on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and meet with us.

The Golden Age Club has a busy month planned for August. The speaker on August 12 will be Dr. Hsiek who will speak about cataracts and the follow-up.

On August 19 we will have a pizza party for the members. This will be sponsored by Mary and Barry Moien in celebration of their 50th anniversary. Congratulations to them! Members may bring desserts and other goodies. On the last meeting of the month we will play bingo. Come join the fun.

We are in the dog days of summer, so try to keep cool and drink lots of water.

Used Books Wanted

In August the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will be collecting used books, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, DVDs and CDs to sell at the Labor Day Festival. No textbooks or reference books will be accepted. Donations may be dropped off either at the Co-op Supermarket or the Greenbriar community building no later than Wednesday, September 2. For large donations, call 956-639-6434 and leave a message. Details are available at <http://bit.ly/1BcbF4k>.

CARES

The GAIL program has begun a partnership with GIVES volunteers to deliver fresh produce to homebound residents. Eight homes were served with hopes to connect more homebound residents with fresh produce in the future.

Cub Scout Pack 202 Plans for 70th Year

Interested in finding out more about Cub Scouts for boys in 1st through 5th grade? Join in and help plan for the 70th year in Greenbelt.

There will be a community potluck/planning session in Old Greenbelt on Sunday, August 9 from 3 to 6 p.m., at which the group will socialize and plan for the upcoming year.

RSVP or obtain more details by contacting Jonathan at jd-blockhead@yahoo.com or 301-351-6325.

Pack 202 is a family-friendly and inclusive pack. Everyone is welcome.

Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Meeting

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to others and spend the hours to receive services in return. Use your time and talents to help your neighbors, get your own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Sunday, August 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt MakerSpace, 125 Centerway.

More information can be obtained by calling 240-473-3497.

Calling All Pollinators

Join the Butterfly Brigade in the Labor Day Parade. Help raise awareness about the importance and plight of pollinators. All welcome: bees, butterflies, bats, etc. Make your own costume or let us know if you will need wings – we will have a limited supply. Contact Susan Barnett at susnbarn@earthlink.net.

No Donations

American Rescue Workers will not receive donations on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for the time being due to a shortage of staff.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Star Party to Tour Summer Triangle

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, August 8 at the Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway field. A tour will be made of deep sky objects in the Summer Triangle, now high in the sky, including a number of star clusters and two planetary nebulae. Saturn and Neptune are other possible viewing targets. The moon rises after 1 a.m., so it will be darkish. As always, visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin around 9 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The event will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Greenbelt Park Needs Trail Crew Volunteers

Come to Greenbelt Park and join the Volunteer Trail Crew on Saturday, August 15 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The crew will be working on a project to improve the trails in Greenbelt Park.

We will be meeting at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station near the campground.

Student Service Hours can be earned with this project.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue.

For more information and to sign up, call 301-344-3944 or visit the park's web site at nps.gov/gree/

Volunteers Needed To Mark Storm Drains

Help Girl Scout Troop 2065 stencil storm drains in Windsor Green on the next two Saturdays, August 8 and August 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meet at the Windsor Green Community Center, 7474 Frankfort Drive. For more information, contact Anitra at 301-213-3973 or anitrabymers@aol.com.

August Activities At MakerSpace

The busy month of August begins at the Greenbelt MakerSpace with game night on Friday, August 7 at 6 p.m. and the meetup of pre-K Little Makers on Friday, August 14 at 5 p.m. Friday nights are family nights at the MakerSpace.

Artists are invited to join us on Sunday afternoon, August 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This week's workshop will continue to explore free-form watercolor painting. Under the guiding eye of a successful painting instructor, participants will be encouraged to try various methods for committing their vision to paper.

Despite the midsummer heat, we are busy at the Greenbelt MakerSpace preparing our STEM education programs for the fall school year. Our new programs include participation in Hour of Code programming classes and a CoderDojo programming club. Our first club activity is forming around the infinite world of Minecraft, the popular kids' game of creative adventure. A generous donation of equipment from an anonymous donor has equipped the MakerSpace with an eight station computer lab to support programming, 3D printing, game design and animation projects.

Our participation in FIRST Robotics continues with four after-school teams in FLL, the LEGO robotics program for kids 9 to 14 years old, and in Jr. FLL for younger children. New this year is our program in FIRST Tech Challenge for older teens. Robotics is a wonderful platform to learn skills in technical design, engineering, science and computer science, especially with FIRST programs that are both fun and competitive.

For more information about our activities and programs, please visit our make125.org website or stop by the MakerSpace.

—George Boyce



Greenbelt Arts Center LAST CHANCE TO SEE!



by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield
Directed by Leanne Dinverno

A Guest Production from Off The Quill

August 7-8 – FINAL WEEKEND

Friday and Saturday at 8:00

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

The Life and Death of King John - Aug. 21 - Sept. 5 - Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals.
Forsaken Angels - Sept. 18 - 27 - Guest Production from Wolf Pack Theatre Company

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Wine Tasting at the Co-op

The Co-op will be offering a free wine tasting on Friday, August 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Discover some exciting wines unearthed by our resident wine expert, John Mealey.

As a special to all customers, all tasting wines will be available at \$1 off their regular price. Other wine events during the month will be on August 14, 21 and 26.



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Week of August 7

FRIDAY – TUESDAY

Shaun the Sheep, PG (!)
11, 1:30, 4:35, 7:20, 9:30
Fantastic 4, PG-13 (!)
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The Gift, R (!)
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Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation, PG-13 (!)
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Vacation, R (!)
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Pixels, PG-13 (!!)
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Southpaw, R
10:40, 9:20
Minions, PG
11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7

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Southpaw, R
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THURSDAY

Straight Outta Compton, R (!)
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The Man from U.N.C.L.E. , PG-13 (!) 7, 9:40
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Obituaries

Fred E. Murray, Jr.

Fred E. Murray, Jr., died on Sunday, August 2, 2015, following a long illness. Friends are invited to call at the Donaldson Funeral Home in Laurel on Friday, August 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, August 8 at 10 a.m. Burial service will be private.

Contributions can be made to the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Murray was a Greenbelt Police Officer from 1977 to 1987. He was married to Cindy Murray, Greenbelt city clerk.

Letters Continued

Thoughts on Training Dogs and Humans

Regarding the June and July anguish about the killing of two dogs which had reportedly bitten persons, I would just like to note some omissions:

1. No one mentioned that dog and owner training is available right here in Greenbelt and that such training might have averted the killing of the dogs which had bitten person(s).
2. No one mentioned the history of these dogs before they were brought to the animal shelter or how the dogs had gotten into biting behavior.
3. No one attempted to raise money to get these dogs re-trained so that they could be adoptable by persons who really understand dogs.
4. No one suggested that dog owners and others should inform themselves about how to behave around dogs. There are instructions online and in books at our library. There is also an online dog whisperer, Caesar, who really explains how humans cause dogs to become aggressive.

As a minor example, I now know why it can be dangerous to run away from a dog or to ride my bike fast past a dog.

Bill Norwood

GHI Can Do More To Welcome Diversity

In light of the country's recent race discussion and the new executive action taken by President Obama to promote quality neighborhoods for people of all races (by empowering neighborhoods to assess and address patterns of segregation by race and income), it is a good moment for residents of GHI to do a little introspection. Is GHI an inviting place to minorities? Or are certain aspects, such as the extensive rules and the lengthy process for membership, off-putting?

The Old Greenbelt neighborhood is distinctly whiter than the surrounding neighborhoods. This is a carry-over from segregation, particularly the fact that blacks were not allowed to live in GHI when it was first developed.

A recent WAMU Kojo Show guest, Derek Hyra, from American University, spoke about micro-segregation and the fact that more intentional efforts were needed to undo what was previously the law of the land: segregation.

I love living in GHI, and I believe that we could be doing more. More to make GHI more welcoming to the entire diverse and beautiful county that we live in.

Amy Caruso

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Today Show

Grandmother Beth Norden accompanied the family to New York for their appearance on the Today Show. Heather and Bill were interviewed briefly by Kathie Lee and Hoda, while baby Will sat on Kathie Lee's lap, smiling or happily playing with his teething ring, sometimes even chewing on Kathie Lee's fingers. After a break for commercials, the song was performed, complete with musical accompaniment. Later, after another break, the family group appeared again, this time with Gram-B joining them, for more conversation and credit to the musicians and the sponsors of the show. Heather and Bill were presented with several gifts, including an autographed copy of the sheet music for the song and tickets to the Kennedy Center.

Visit today.com/video/every-one-has-a-story-honors-dad-of-child-via-surrogacy-485404739552 for the first segment of the show,

including the reading of Heather's letter, and on.today.com/1RBDjiP to hear the song and see the last segment of the show.

Heather decided to share her story, not only to thank all the many people who supported her, but to let others who might need help in creating a family know that there are resources and support out there, if only you keep on trying and don't become discouraged.



Baby Will Wertz

City Notes

Public Works and Planning staff met to discuss a proposal to correct severe erosion on paths going into the Northway Forest Preserve and met with Dog Park Association members to discuss proposed bench and memorial tree locations.

Planning staff worked with a consultant team to initiate a negotiated contract for Phase I repairs of the Greenbelt Lake dam. "No smoking" signage was installed in Roosevelt Center.

New volleyball sleeves and equipment are scheduled to be installed at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on August 4.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 31.97 tons of refuse and 44.18 tons of recyclable material.



Condolences to Greenbelt City Clerk Cindy Murray on the death of her husband Fred E. Murray, Jr. on August 2, 2015.

We'd like to honor more of our Greenbelt graduates! Leave a message at 301-474-6892 to have the announcement published next week.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

Upcoming Events At The New Deal

Thursday, August 6, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, August 7, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. A fundraiser for the Greenbelt Rhythm & Drum festival will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The Bele Bele Rhythm Collective and The Beat Fairy will be performing.

Saturday, August 8, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by John Guernsey playing jazz piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Funk Master General, a six piece jam band, play funk in the New Orleans tradition from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 9, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio will play from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In the evening, The Loose Ends will perform early British Invasion, alt-country and rock-n-roll music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11, Walls and Vino play Americana, folk, classic covers and original tunes from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12, Dixieland Express offers up New Orleans Dixieland and early 20th century jazz from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, August 14, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by the WAMMIE-winning R&B soul band Daryl Jr. Cline Band from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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Greenbelt Baptist Church August 12

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Greenbelt, MD

speaker
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At the Library

Community Heroes will be the final Summer@Your Library event for the Greenbelt Branch Library on Thursday, August 13 at 2 p.m. . Local Community Heroes (fire or police) are invited to explain what they do to keep us safe.

The Summer@Your Library program concludes on Saturday, August 15. Children should bring their completed gameboard to any branch library to receive a book prize and be entered in the prize raffle drawing to be conducted at the end of the month.

Weekly Storytimes

Chinese/English Preschool Storytime will take place on Monday, August 10, at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 12 Preschool Storytime will occur at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

On Thursday, August 13, Baby Storytime occurs at 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime at 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people, and Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Informal movie showings will be presented on Wednesday, August 12, at 4 p.m. for all ages. Enjoy an informal screening of select movies available to library patrons from the Hoopla digital service. (Movie titles may not be publicized due to Public Performance Site License restrictions.) Please contact the Information Desk at 301-345-5800 for additional details.

Read to Rover returns on Saturday, August 15, at 2 p.m.

Pins and Needles takes place on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Bring the stitching projects you'd love to finish. All stitchers welcome.



Used Book Sale at Labor Day Festival

Benefiting Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, August 10, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
- Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports
 - Advisory Committee on Trees Report #2015-1 (Recommended Trees for Use under Power Lines)
 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2015- (Emergency Operations Plan Revision Recommendations)
 - Youth Advisory Committee, Report #2015-1 (Voting Age)

LEGISLATION
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase and Installation of a Thermoplastic Polyolefin Roofing System for the Replacement of the Flat Roof at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from A.K.J., Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$78,200- 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize Deirdre Allen to Sign Checks, Vouchers and Purchase Orders from August 11 to August 14, 2015 -1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS
- Award of Purchase – Police Vehicles
- Greenbelt Homes, Inc. - Right-of-Way Vacation
- Belle Point Playground Path
- Request of Prince George’s County Historical Society
- Submission of FY 2017 Community Parks and Playground Grant Application
- Letter to State Delegation – Pepco Tree Work
- Letter to County Executive Baker– VA Clinic Sites in Greenbelt
- Council Reports
* Reappointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 10-14

Monday, August 10 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at Youth Center, 99 Centerway in Conference Room.

Monday, August 10 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. *On the Agenda: Recap discussion of Design Options for Cherrywood Lane “Green Redesign” – Green ACEs meeting update, Design of central park area, Greenbelt Station South Core, Update on Various Planning Projects*

Wednesday, August 12 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION-Green Team Solar Briefing (tentative)** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, August 13 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available in the City Clerk’s office, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 17 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015.

For additional information, call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.

GREENBELT YOUTH CIRCUS
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Directed by Gregory May

PERFORMANCES:
Friday, August 14 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 pm
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9am to 1pm

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For more information contact:
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PEPCO tree trimming/removal plans are now posted on the city’s website at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/public_works

They are also on display at the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

There has been one Council work session on these plans on July 22, 2015. It is likely another will be scheduled in late August or early September

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what is now GCF, also gave a thoughtful speech entitled Reflecting on Our Roots, which highlighted the history of the foundation.

Joining Lewis in her efforts back in 2002 were Julia Eichhorst, Alan Turnbull, Bill Duncan, Barbara Simon and Tom White, forming a group that “realized that the quality of life in GHI depended a great deal upon the quality of life in the city of Greenbelt,” said Lewis.

As the first board of the GCF – then standing for Greenbelt Community Fund – came together, Carol Shaw, Leta Mach, Dan Hamlin and Kap Kapistan took their places among a group determined to better the city they cared for.

“Within a few months a mission statement, vision statement and a purposes document were adopted,” Lewis said. “We agreed upon guiding principles, received city recognition status and set up an application process.” This process, according to Lewis, “helped organizations see the importance of realistic budgeting and planning, because this had to be demonstrated in their grant application.”

Following these achievements, GCF became an advised fund under the Prince George’s Community Foundation, an action that solved several problems for the organization. “The umbrella fund could manage the donations we collected – there was no way we could match the knowledge and experience of its professional investment and audit staff,” Lewis said.

Even with these benefits, the board had to prove GCF’s credibility and make the organization known throughout the community. “Board members reached out to the community, inviting a dozen or so friends and neighbors to introductory events held in people’s homes,” Lewis said. “The purpose of these events was not only to inform and encourage people to financially support the foundation, but we also wanted to get their ideas on what projects [and] programs would most benefit the community. We wanted everyone to know and feel that they were a part of the whole endeavor.”

Board member Kapistan met with merchants and business owners, securing pledges and donations. Lewis noted a one-time \$10,000 donation from Petrie Ross Ventures and a \$25,000 contribution from Prince George’s



Crowd at Greenbelt Community Foundation presentation

County through Doug Peters, the County Council representative at that time, a contribution matched by the county once again during the evening, presented by current County Councilmember Todd Turner.

Prior to donations and pledges like these however, money to keep GCF going came from the board, according to Lewis. “Before our fund raising projects could start showing results, the funds for the foundation came from board members, who had to make a minimum pledge of \$300 per year.” Even so, “many board members gave more than that,” Lewis said. “We felt very strongly that we had to put our money where our mouths were and that, if we were to ask others in the community to give, we had to set an example.”

And, as the foundation began to flourish, it became unique among its kind, not only in just how much it gave back to the community, but in how it truly cared about the importance of community. “We decided that 50 percent of the money we raised each year should be distributed,” Lewis said. “We also recognized the importance of co-ops to the history and life of our town and so not-for-profit co-ops were also eligible to apply for grants.”

Furthermore, to reflect Greenbelt’s ever-changing demographic, rules were set to govern board membership. “We didn’t want the future of the foundation to be in the hands of an ever self-perpetuating group. So, term limits for board members were instituted right from the beginning,” she said. “The foundation had to reflect the changing community if it were to be truly a community foundation.”

With all that it has done, Lewis said she is proud of what GCF is today and continues to pledge, though she is no longer a board

member. She also recognizes just how special the City of Greenbelt was and is in helping the foundation grow.

“How could the foundation not flourish when it was planted in the fertile soil of Greenbelt, kept green by the donations from a caring community and watered by the sweat of the volunteers, who create and carry out the projects and programs that the foundation helps to fund,” she said.

Some of the projects and programs nourished by GCF are the Aight Dance Theater, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt MakerSpace and the Greenbelt Farmers Market, an organization speakers emphasized throughout the evening.

Cathie Meetre, the Farmers Market treasurer, stressed that without GCF funding, not much would have happened with the original initiative. “The foundation,” she said, “gives us the ability, when we do have a great idea, to make it happen.”

This story was written with contributions from Amy Hansen and Mary Lou Williamson.

Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Meeting

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to others and spend the hours to receive services in return. Use your time and talents to help your neighbors, get your own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Sunday, August 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt MakerSpace, 125 Centerway.

More information can be obtained by calling 240-473-3497.

Warriors Battle Invasives at Lake

by Erin Josephitis

The Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project (GFSP) launched its first Weed Warriors invasive species removal program this summer. The initial Weed Warriors program successfully achieved the mission of the GFSP in providing knowledge and care of our remnant woods.

Weed Warriors learned the value of hard work and teamwork as they labored together under the hot sun every Wednesday in July. Over 20 high school and college-aged volunteers from Greenbelt, College Park, Beltsville and D.C. were trained on how to identify and remove invasive plants from Buddy Attick Park. Together, they contributed over 140 hours of community service-learning

activities aimed at protecting and restoring our public lands.

The most common invasive species targeted by Weed Warriors included oriental bittersweet, porcelainberry, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose and English ivy. Many invasive species were introduced as ornamentals, and Weed Warriors learned about the importance of planting and protecting native plants instead of non-native ones. Thanks to the Weed Warriors, over three dump trucks and 26 large bags were filled with invasive plants and removed from Buddy Attick Park.

Interested in serving as a Weed Warrior volunteer? Contact Erin Josephitis at erin@chears.org



Above: Weed Warrior volunteer, Edwin Constanza.

Below: Weed Warrior volunteers pose in front of a truck full of invasive species at Buddy Attick Park. From left to right: Justin Mooney, Edwin Constanza, Marcos Lorenzana, Donnaya McNeil, Brenda Rankea, Mary Jasmine, Danah Leslie, Kimberly Brooks, Chinanye Ajene, Chidinma Adeto, Alexa Gudiel, and Alexandra Goodnow.



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East Pearl Asian Bistro Restaurant Review

by James Giese

The East Pearl Asian Bistro may now be the Greenbelt area’s classiest-looking restaurant with its sleek, modern, dark tones. East Pearl is the latest establishment to occupy the first floor restaurant space at the Commerce Center One office building at 7701 Greenbelt Road, succeeding what was first the China Pearl and then the Royal Jade restaurants. Featuring a combination of Chinese, Japanese, Siamese and Thai dishes plus sushi and sashimi, this new restaurant offers a menu with the widest variety of Asian choices in the area, well-prepared and well-presented.

Each of the restaurants at this venue has been more elegant than its ethnic competitors, but the East Pearl has kicked it up a couple of notches. This is first apparent with the new ornate entrance. Inside the combination waiting area and lounge is a glossy black bar. While the dining area has much the same table and booth arrangement, the floors and ceiling are now black and a black sushi bar with chair height seats has been added to the wall where once there had been a mural. Combined with the dark wood table and chairs, the restaurant has a sleek, rich look, the dark colors offset by the wall of windows overlooking Hanover Parkway and Greenway Center.

Our party of five was seated at one end of a large group table. Since it was an off night, that created no problems and worked for us. Service was appropriate, the waiter was not hovering over us but was there when we wanted him. Ordered food was quickly prepared and delivered.

I am not well versed on Asian food. I have enjoyed much of what I have had, often trying something new. I appreciate the subtle flavors. As with any style of food, I enjoy some much more than others. I can equally appreciate the same dish prepared in different ways by different chefs. There is no one standard for good food and what I may like, someone else may not.

We began with appetizers and drinks. Our table shared two appetizers, fried calamari and chicken lettuce wraps. They were each plentiful in quantity and might have served as a meal for one person. The calamari was Italian in name only, being lightly fried in a delicately flavored tempura-like batter. Fried squid can be tough, but it was very tender in this appetizer. Two sauces accompanied the dish, one soy based and the other a mildly hot sweet red-pepper sauce.

The calamari was simply placed on a serving platter as was the chopped and seasoned cooked chicken mixture for the wraps. The lettuce leaf presentation, however, was most impressive. At first glance, it appeared to be a whole head of lettuce, but it turned out to be a perfectly stacked pile of rounded large lettuce leaves forming the shape of an almost perfect ball. The leaves were without blemish, fresh and crisp. They made perfect wraps for a helping of the chicken mixture, a tasty treat.

We ordered four different entrees. I should have picked

something new and exotic but chose instead a standard favorite of mine, Kung Pao chicken, which I have ordered many times at different venues. This dish varies somewhat from restaurant to restaurant and East Pearl’s was unique as well. The chopped fried chicken nuggets in a tasty sauce with diced vegetables and peanuts filled the serving platter, enough for two persons. While very good, this Kung Pao differed from one I enjoy at another restaurant by having more vegetables and fewer peanuts and hot peppers. I was impressed by how finely diced the vegetables were. It was accompanied by a bowl of rice, as were all the other entrees.

A companion at the other end of the table ordered Thai fried rice with shrimp and beef and peanuts. I didn’t get to taste it, but he said it was quite good. His serving, also enough for two, was simply plated without garnishment.

More spectacular were the other two servings. One friend ordered Thai beef and shrimp in a green curry sauce served with a medley of vegetables in a decorative bowl. The shrimp were large and tender, but limited in quantity. The coconut milk sauce was delicately flavored, lacking the spicy hot taste of some curries or much of the greenish color.

Most impressive was the chef’s special of sashimi. The four kinds of raw fish- salmon, tuna and two kinds of white fish- were tightly placed to fill a serving bowl elaborately decorated with orchid, vegetables and woven cluster of small sticks. The fish glistened with freshness and I found the white fish sample I tasted to have a very delicate fish flavor. A soy based sauce was provided to complement the flavor.

East Pearl may not be a five-star restaurant, but it is a great place to go to if you want a night out at a more elegant venue for a special occasion, if you want to try something new and different, if you are into sushi (we didn’t try it) or sashimi, or if you are with a group which can agree on Asian cuisine but can’t agree on which kind.

There were mixed reviews online about the restaurant’s carry out, some finding the food great, others expressing disappointment. It is more difficult for food to be special when placed in a carton and warmed over. Missing from any carryout at East Pearl would be the ambiance of the venue, the freshness of coming straight from the kitchen and presentation of the food at the table.

For first timers, it may be a little difficult to find East Pearl. Commerce Center One is the office building at the southeast corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The entrance faces Hanover Parkway and there is parking directly in front, with more to the side and rear. Entering the parking area from the Greenbelt Road driveway requires circling around the building to the other side to park in front. However, it is possible to park on the building’s other side and walk to the restaurant through the

building’s lobby. On Hanover Parkway, only the southernmost of two driveway entrances is available for access by left-turning vehicles and then a double-back is required. The restaurant’s telephone is 301-982-4888.

Free Movie on Fracking

A free screening of “Groundswell Rising,” a new documentary about fracking, will be shown at the Greenbelt Library auditorium Tuesday, August 11 at 7 p.m.

It features interviews with people from all walks of life and all sides of the political spectrum who are fighting to protect families, health, property and livelihood.

After the screening a discussion will be held on the risks of fracking.

This event is sponsored by Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Food & Water Watch, Prince George’s County Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, and GCAN. To register go to chesapeakeclimate.org/events/.

For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, lore@simplicity-matters.org or Sarah Snead, sarah@chesapeakeclimate.org.



Labor Day Festival Seeks Show Artists

Calling artists of all ages: It’s almost time for the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival art show. Share your work with the community and beyond. Over 1,000 folks visit the art shows every year at the Festival. There are two shows: one for adults and one for children and teens (pre-school to 18 years). Both exhibits are hung in the Greenbelt Community Center and are on view from

Saturday through Monday of the weekend. Awards are given in both shows.

For full information on how to enter your work, consult greenbeltlaborday.com or pick up a flier at the Greenbelt Community Center, the Greenbelt Library or the New Deal Café. You may also contact Barbara Simon for questions at 301-474-2192 or simongava@yahoo.com.

Computer Club Meets August 13

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13 at the club’s Community Center, Room 112 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to discussions of computers and consumer electronics.



Free Concerts At Bowie Park

The Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Division continues its summer concert series at Fairwood Community Park.

On Sunday, August 9 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the series, which is free to all ages, offers a performance of Dream Unleashed, a 10-piece all-female band which plays a little bit of everything, including classical and jazz.

Fairwood Park is located at 12390 Fairwood Parkway, Bowie.

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Annual Back to School Fashion Show 2015

When: Saturday, August 15th, 2-3 pm

Where: Center Court

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Hot Weather Advice For Seniors from NIA

Summer weather can pose special health risks to older adults and people with chronic medical conditions. It is critically important that adults particularly susceptible to hyperthermia and other heat-related illnesses know how to safeguard against problems. The National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, has some tips to help avoid the hazards of hot weather.

Hyperthermia is caused by a failure of the heat-regulating mechanisms of the body. Heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after prolonged exposure to the heat), heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are forms of hyperthermia. Older adults are at risk for these conditions, and this risk can increase with the combination of higher temperature, individual lifestyle and general health.

Lifestyle factors can include not drinking enough fluids, living in housing without air conditioning, lack of mobility and access to transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places and not understanding how to respond to hot weather conditions. Older people, particularly those with chronic medical conditions, should stay indoors in cooler spaces on hot and humid days, especially when an air pollution alert is in effect. People without air conditioners should go to

places that do have air conditioning, such as senior centers, shopping malls, movie theaters and libraries. Cooling centers, which are set up by local public health agencies, religious groups or social service organizations in many communities, are another option.

Factors that increase the risk of hyperthermia may include:

- Dehydration.
- High blood pressure or other health conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt-restricted diets may be at increased risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.
- Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.
- Use of multiple medications.

It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.

- Reduced sweating, caused by medications such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.
- Age-related changes to the skin such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat glands.
- Being substantially overweight or underweight.
- Alcohol use.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening form of hyperthermia. It occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. Signs

and symptoms of heat stroke include a significant increase in body temperature (generally above 104 degrees Fahrenheit), changes in mental status (like confusion or combativeness), strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, feeling faint, staggering or coma. Seek immediate emergency medical attention for a person with heat stroke symptoms, especially an older adult.

If you suspect that someone is suffering from a heat-related illness:

- Get the person out of the heat and into a shady, air-conditioned or other cool place.
- Urge the person to lie down.
- If you suspect heat stroke, call 911.
- Encourage the individual to shower, bathe or sponge off with cool water
- Apply a cold, wet cloth to the wrists, neck, armpits and/or groin. These are places where blood passes close to the surface of the skin, and the cold cloths can help cool the blood.
- If the person can swallow safely, offer fluids such as water or juices.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine.



“Complete Works” Continues at GAC

This weekend, Off the Quill presents The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] by Adam Long, Daniel Singer & Jess Winfield at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Performances are Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8 at 8 p.m.

Attempting all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in one night can result in either triumphant success or catastrophic failure - either way you won't want to miss it!

Starring troupe members Michael J. Dombroski, Brian H. Moors and co-founder Patrick Mullen, witty farce is blended with rapid hijinks through scripted elements and structured improvisation.

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Patrick Mullen, Brian Moors and Michael Dombroski perform in Off the Quill's production of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare.

Who Will Protect the Greenbelt Forest Preserve?

The council should stop the city from contracting with a Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Service Provider to assess the health of the Forest Preserve. The city intends to include language in the contract asking the FCA Service Provider to recommend changes to the city code and to the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines (Guidelines) which together have protected the Forest Preserve for the past twelve years.

In October 2003 the council passed legislation creating the Forest Preserve which consists of over 200 acres of forested areas in Greenbelt managed as protected, undeveloped, and undisturbed areas for the benefit of current and future generations. The council, at the time, determined the residents should be stewards to protect the natural qualities of these areas and appointed a task force to write the Forest Preserve Guidelines. The Guidelines include a provision for a forest biologist/ecologist to provide a health assessment if such an assessment were deemed necessary. They did not require a health assessment be done.

On November 24, 2014, council passed three important motions. (1) According to draft minutes, Rodney Roberts moved that council proceed on contracting with a professional forest biologist/ecologist to **assess the health of the Forest Preserve**. Mayor Jordan responded by encouraging staff to seek a professional forest biologist/ecologist. (2) According to the minutes, Judith Davis moved that council direct the Forest Preserve Advisory Board **to review the Forest Preserve Guidelines and prepare a list of recommended changes to council**. (3) Judith Davis also moved that council direct city staff to **review the Forest Preserve chapter of the city code and update it as needed** and that proposed changes be referred to the Advisory Board for review and then to council.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was written by the city. According to Celia Craze, the city sent over 120 solicitations for proposals. These primarily went to firms identified as Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Service Providers listed on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) web site. Only five solicitations went to individuals or firms suggested by Advisory Board members. According to Celia Craze, only five proposals were received by the city. All of the proposals are from FCA Service Providers.

FCA Service Providers are entities approved by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to assist developers in creating the Forest Conservation Plan that is required for certain planned developments in Maryland. The list includes foresters, landscape architects, and others. The mindset is controlled development rather than preservation and ecology.

According to Dr. Marc Lapin, ecologist and environmental studies professor at Middlebury College, **a forest biologist/ecologist** (as required by the Forest Preserve Guidelines) is a better choice than a forester to do the assessment (if one is done at all). A forest biologist/ecologist has a broad perspective of the relationships between plants, animals, soils, water and rocks. In contrast, a forester's perspective puts more emphasis on 'managing' the forest for use and economic gain.

A contract with a FCA Service Provider will be inconsistent with Robert's motion (approved 7-0), Mayor Jordan's encouragement, and the Forest Preserve Guidelines.

Please contact the members of council and the city clerk to let them know that you want the contracting process stopped and to leave alone the documents that protect the forest preserve. The contact information is:

- Judith Davis: Phone: 301-474-8000 Email:jdavis@greenbeltnmd.gov
- Emmett Jordan: Phone: 301-474-8000 Email: ejordan@greenbeltnmd.gov
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Dancers of all ages enjoyed the Greenbelt Contra Dance August 1st.

Top left: Daniel Delaney and Noel-Marie Taylor

Top right: Brianne Boylan Dances with Baby Dmitri Barnes

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
July 23, 2:40 p.m., 20 Court Southway. A woman entered the BP Service Station and attempted to pay for merchandise with what the cashier determined to be a counterfeit bill. When he refused to accept it, she grabbed it back and left the store. The cashier followed her to the parking lot and used his phone to take a picture of her vehicle. She then forcibly took his cell phone and got into the vehicle. He attempted to grab her, at which time a man got out of the driver's seat and chased the cashier away. They then fled in the vehicle, traveling south on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Both the woman and the man are described as being black with light complexions, with hair in dreadlocks (the woman's hair is white). Their vehicle is described as a gold or silver SUV with a partial tag number of WY355.
July 25, 11:10 p.m., 66 Ridge Road. A man walking down the street observed another man jogging in front of him and then sit on the curb in front of Greenbelt Elementary School. As the man walked by him, he was tackled from behind by the jogger, who then announced a robbery. A second man joined the jogger, and after obtaining the walker's cell phone both suspects fled on foot toward Laurel Hill Road. The walker refused treatment for a minor injury. Both men are described as being black, 20 years old, 6' tall, 150 pounds, with thin builds. One was wearing blue shorts and had hair in dreadlocks.
Sex Offense
July 23, 2:50 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. As a woman was shopping at Marshalls, a man walked toward her as if to pass by. He then touched her inappropriately and followed behind her for a short time before fleeing.

Disorderly Conduct
July 24, 12:45 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 20-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after being asked by management to leave TGI Friday's. She was released on citation pending trial.
Theft
July 23, 7:25 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for theft after being found in possession of a stolen bicycle. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.
July 23, 7:09 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered Bling, reached over the counter, removed a notebook-type computer and then fled.
Burglary
July 23, 10:12 p.m., 8100 block Bird Lane. Officers responded to a report of a residential burglar alarm sounding. A side window had been broken out and jewelry taken.
Vandalism
July 23, 11:09 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A shopping cart was pushed into the sliding glass door of a residence. The door was scratched but not broken.
Vehicle Crime
A stolen 1998 Ford Expedition SUV was recovered July 27 in the 7900 block Mandan Road. No arrests were made but investigation of a person known to the owner is continuing.
A woman in 5 Court Gardenway was observed pulling on door handles of several cars in an apparent attempt to enter them. An investigation is ongoing.
The front passenger windows of two vehicles in the 7800 block Mandan Road were broken and the cars rummaged through.

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ERHS Advisor Wins SADD Annual Award



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SADD President and CEO Dawn Teixeira and Student of the Year Madeline Seel present the Advisor of the Year award at the National Conference in Nashville to Eleanor Roosevelt High School's SADD Advisor Joanne Read.

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) leaders from Eleanor Roosevelt High School joined 400 other youth role models and their adult advisors from around the U.S. at the 2015 SADD National Conference, June 28 to July 1, at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. As the nation's leading peer-to-peer youth education, prevention and activism organization, SADD empowers young people to lead initiatives in their schools and communities that will encourage prevention education and create a positive effect on the lives of their peers.

ERHS SADD Advisor Joanne Read was chosen as the National SADD Advisor of the year. "What an honor to represent the entire group of dedicated leaders in our fine organization. Our chapter also appreciates both SADD Nation and the National Safety Council for sponsoring our trip to Nashville. We came away with fantastic ideas that we plan to incorporate into our chapter's activities this coming school year." This is the second year students and advisors at ERHS joined hundreds of youth leaders representing the most active SADD chapters in 29 states at the conference.

WSSC Offers Help For Customers

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has a new Customer Assistance Program (CAP) that provides financial assistance to approved residential customers. CAP-approved customers will receive a credit on water and sewer bills to cover the Ready-to-Serve Charge. These customers will be charged only for their water and sewer usage. The CAP is 100 percent funded by WSSC revenues. Those approved for energy assistance through Maryland's OHEP are eligible for the WSSC CAP. The monthly income guidelines for Maryland Energy Assistance are \$1,716 gross for a

household of one and \$2,323 for a household of two or more. Assets are not taken into consideration. OHEP customers can also check their CAP status online at wsscwater.com/CAP. WSSC and OHEP continue to work through details regarding how CAP will apply to renters subject to various landlord and tenant agreements. Once the implementation is resolved, this type of credit will be retroactive. For more information about CAP or to apply for Maryland Energy Assistance, contact the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program at 301-345-6660 ext. 2012, or visit wsscwater.com/CAP.

Register Now for School

The first day of school in Prince George's County will be Tuesday, August 25. Parents and guardians are encouraged to register their children for school as early as possible. You can register for Prince George's County public schools by going to: pgcps.org/communications/. Proof of residence is a prerequisite of admission to the public schools. Proof of residence can include settlement papers, lease agreement, rental receipt, deed of property or a tax assessment bill that includes the name and address of the person registering the student listed. The documents must be originals, not copies.

Proof of age, such as a birth certificate, is also required for all students being registered. An original proof of birth must be provided for students entering the school system for the first time. If the primary language is other than English, or the child was born outside the United States or has studied in a foreign school system, contact the International Student Counseling Office at 301-445-8460 for an appointment to ensure appropriate grade placement or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services (if necessary) and assistance in completing registration forms.

Blood Donors Needed

The American Red Cross is facing a looming shortage of the most needed blood types, resulting in an urgent need for eligible donors with O negative, B negative and A negative blood to give now to prevent an emergency situation. Platelet donors and type AB blood donors are also being asked to help ensure the shelves are stocked for patients. Nearby blood drives will be held on August 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive; on Monday, August 10 from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6111 Columbian Way; on Monday, August 10 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. in at the Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council, 9450 Cherry Hill Road; and on Thursday, August 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Prince George's County Association of Realtors, 9200 Basil Court, Suite 400, Largo.

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Doctors Hospital Receives Award

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GHI Notes

- Thursday August 6, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room
- Monday August 10, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, Board Room
- Tuesday August 11, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Taskforce Meeting, GHI Lobby
- Wednesday August 12, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room
- Thursday August 13, 6:15 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room
- Thursday August 13, 7 p.m., Board/Finance Joint Meeting (HIP), Board Room
- Friday August 14, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011



Kinder Camp Keeps Young Campers Busy

by Anne Gardner

There is plenty to keep the youngest campers busy at the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Kinder Camp. This summer camp for ages 3 1/2 to 5 is based in the Greenbelt Nursery School classrooms and playground, and it is apparent to passers-by that the children are having a wonderful time.

The weekly activities include trips to the pool, yoga with Bee Yoga Fusion and a field trip to the giant inflatables at Pump it Up in Lanham, as well as crafts, singing, dancing and cooking projects. "If they are not exhausted when they leave, then we have not done our job," claims camp coordinator Rebekah Sutfin.

This year the library has partnered with Kinder Camp for their

Summer Reading program. The children complete activities on the library's activity sheet, such as singing a counting song, talking about the pictures in a book or making letters from Play-Doh. On the last day of each two-week session, the children go to the library, turn in their completed game boards and get to choose a free book to take home.

Another exciting partnership is with Karen Haseley, the therapeutic coordinator for the Recreation Department. She runs the popular Ageless Grace program for seniors, where they exercise while seated in a chair. Haseley brought this activity to Kinder Camp and found that the young campers enjoyed and benefited from the program just as much

as her older participants. In fact several of the young children joined the seniors in the Community Center for their weekly program.

Sutfin has brought in many such exciting innovations since she took over as camp coordinator eight years ago. Her enthusiasm is infectious, as she claims that this year has been "one of the best summers yet!" She had to hire an almost entirely new staff this year, but they are all working well together and the camp is going very smoothly. She has found the experience of organizing a camp for the youngest age group very rewarding. As she says, "to help them grow and learn is priceless."



Karen Haseley works with Kinder Camp participants on her Ageless Grace exercise program.



Gretchen Schock of Bee Yoga Fusion does yoga with the campers.



Kinder campers show off their free books from the library's summer reading program.



Below: Bryce Dearie enjoys swinging with Kinder Camp staff member Nnamdi Onwuka.



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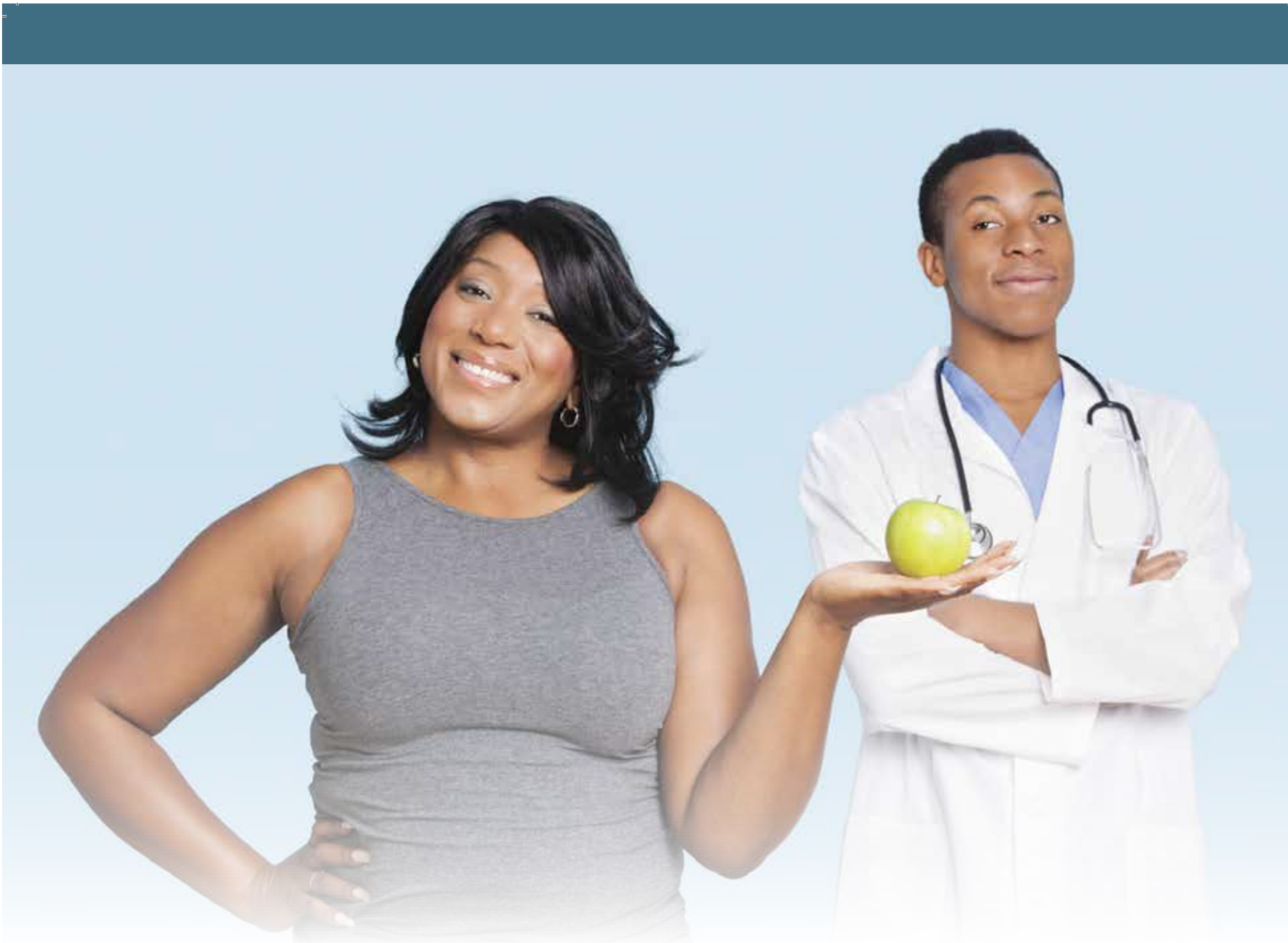


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Commentary

What Would Eleanor Say If She Could See Us Now?

by Cathie Meetre

If Greenbelt has a mother, it is Eleanor Roosevelt. One wonders, if she visited now, what she'd think of how we'd done in life. Would she be disappointed?

Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) started life as a federal housing project – part of the New Deal approach of government investment in the everyday life of its citizens. In our day, the notion of “the projects” has acquired a negative connotation of crime, roaches and demoralization but, especially within the context of its times, GHI community has worked like a charm.

GHI's inception was aided by the federal government's careful selection of residents. Although their approach was, alas, discriminatory as to blacks in the unapologetic spirit of the times, they were progressive as to religion at a time when anti-semitism was rampant. However much we disapprove of that, and however differently it would be done now, the result was a vibrant community with a high proportion of altruistic community activists.

Sensitive of the enormous leg-up they had received from the taxpayer, these committed souls went busily about the process of creating a community. Even as the first residents moved in, they were organizing this newspaper, sports leagues and associations of every possible type. Eleanor cheered them on.

The community was always restricted. Though many residents over the years have chafed under the limitations and others have been ejected because of their inability or unwillingness to keep to the rules, the rule of law within the community has resulted in a place that remained relatively immune to the wilder excesses attributable to Harry Homeowner in many other towns.

Although we can now hang laundry out on a Sunday, the appearance of the town remains relatively harmonious and neglect is fairly quickly addressed. Indeed, GHI residents bristle annually as they are commanded to cut back their walkway-encroaching hedges and to discipline their rampant flowerbeds. Eleanor liked things orderly, though laundry was probably not her thing.

GHI Maintenance

The cohesive effect of GHI maintenance is hard to estimate. The ability for a person with limited resources to call up and get things fixed by a non-scary person is not to be under-rated. Older residents in particular, no longer nimble on ladders, find this service a peace-of-mind bargain. It is also, for those on fixed or marginal incomes or with zero handyman skills, an absolute boon to have so much of their potential cost-risk mitigated. There are very few homeowners elsewhere who can so accurately predict and budget for the cost of ownership of their house.

There are very few surprises here and constant reminders – for example gutter cleaning – that the co-op is generally very good at protecting its members' investment. Though some members complain about the monthly fees, the experience of owning a 'real' house with a caved-in roof or a

collapsed sewer pipe is a salutary lesson in risks and the economics of such consequences. Eleanor would have been all in favor of making sure standards remained high and that our older residents were well served.

GHI behaves responsibly and compassionately even when it is placed in the unfortunate position of having to terminate a member's right of perpetual use. Recent actions against hoarders were taken only after a long and patient process. While one may not resonate with some of the additions that have been permitted and regret the continued prevalence of chain link fences (to reveal this author's prejudices), it is still (and perhaps increasingly) the case that a stroll through the inner walkway system offers a very attractive sojourn in a park-like place.

Indeed, looking back to the mid-1970's, GHI did not seem as well-run and, prior to the major rehab effort of that time, was scruffy and deteriorating markedly. Hats off to the GHI boards and staff who have served the city so well in the nearly 40 years since. One imagines Eleanor would have congratulated you.

Perhaps by serendipity, but more likely because of the wisdom of the early cooperators when the project was privatized in the early 1950s, financial restrictions have also tended to keep the community on a solid path. For many years, a 20 percent down payment was required to purchase and, even in this current day of 'no money down,' it is 10 percent. The project's nature as a cooperative also prevented financing through federal programs that would have allowed little or no upfront cost. Though this was certainly a form of financial discrimination and may well have kept out folk who would have done perfectly well, it does mean that everybody moving in has either the habit of thrift or at least a supportive family.

As a result, the community has remained very stable and though it has suffered from recent real estate woes, it has not had the same dire rashes of foreclosures that have afflicted other communities. Similarly, the prohibition on renting has kept out absentee landlords who don't take care of the property or supervise their tenants.

The relatively low prices and the built-in maintenance would otherwise have made this a very attractive rental investment – to the almost certain detriment of town life. The fact is that in Eleanor's heyday it was a rental project, but one feels she'd be glad for its current stability and that it remains accessible to those who live a careful life on what they have.

Very Liberal

Although the original 1930's viewpoint was intrinsically discriminatory, today's GHI is, as it was with the first families, very liberal – perhaps reflecting the 'commie pinko' tendencies of its early cooperative status. It has provided a welcoming home for people with a wide array of

viewpoints and orientations – with a welcome and increasing diversity in race and creed. Eleanor would have been in favor.

GHI still strives to achieve balance and sustainability in today's world. It struggles with the aging fabric of its buildings and difficulties inherent in insulating and heating older properties economically. Although there may still be no one right answer to these concerns, perhaps the important thing is the dialogue that surrounds the community's drive forward and the commitment of its leadership to do the very best that can be done. If she had it to do over, Eleanor would have told Rexford Tugwell, who planned the community, to pay more attention to insulation.

With a much older population in the homes, the character of the original town is vastly different today from the place that was teeming with kids in the 1940s. The umpteen pristine playgrounds rarely have a single child on them. The 33 Court of Ridge Road had over 70 children in the 1940s and now there are maybe two or three. Couples who start their families in GHI become convinced they must move to larger quarters and more bathrooms, and the houses are therefore more favored by singles, childless couples and retirees while families with school-age children move to 'real' houses.

This author points out, however, that within living memory she and her husband successfully raised three daughters in a three bedroom, one bath GHI home as have many others. Indeed, when the community was built, families with children were on their knees in thankfulness for their one bathroom and the hot water pouring from its faucets. And, mercy of mercies, it was all to themselves alone.

Though expectations have certainly changed about what we're entitled to, we really don't need nearly as much as we think we do. Eleanor misses the children.

Encouraging Trend

An encouraging trend in the GHI community is the investment that owners are making in their homes. Although each is small, they can be gem-like in their quality. Devotees of the Sarah Susanka books that espouse the 'small house' movement find that their investment of time and money produces a highly livable and attractive result. Imagination is rewarded. Subtlety of design and details of workmanship become a delight on the smallest of scales. GHI's recent competition for redesigned home elements showed how attuned its residents have become to the virtue of small and how creative they are in exploiting the opportunities their homes provide.

Gardens and porches too reveal a creative capability that make a Sunday morning walk a delight. A good garden was very high on Eleanor's list.

GHI remains a vibrant community. Though few of its original residents remain, the spirit of its founding families lives on in today's community.

Eleanor would be proud.



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Greenbelt Museum hangs out laundry; laundry can now be hung out on any day, including Sunday.



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Many GHI homes now have additions.



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Greenbelt Camps Offer An Awesome Summer

by Kyla Hanington

“We’re having a great time down here,” says Cathy Pracht, manager of Greenbelt Recreation Department’s Camp Pine Tree. Pracht’s enthusiasm for the camp is understandable when one has a glimpse of the activities available to campers: during session three, participants in Camp Pine Tree swam regularly at the Greenbelt pool; put on a talent show that showcased their writing, singing, choreography, acting and script-writing skills; and went on outings to Cascade Lake (older students) or to a dinosaur dig at

Dinosaur Park in Laurel (younger students), among other things. While Camp Pine Tree provides day activities for children ages 6 to 11, Camp Yogo (Youth on the Go) is a day camp for youth ages 12 to 14. For its third session (July 20 to 31), outings to places like Six Flags America, XP Laser Sport, a canoe trip down the Anacostia River and a day jumping at SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park kept campers entertained and moderately exhausted.

The two camps joined together on a couple of occasions. Camp Pine Tree participants aged 9 to 11 joined the Camp Yogo youth at Cascade Lake for a day of swimming and watersliding fun. Older Camp Pine Tree attendees also had the chance to participate in the highly-anticipated yearly camp sleepover during the third session. The following day, all of Camp Pine Tree joined together with Camp Yogo for a hot dog barbeque at Buddy Attick Park. “It’s an awesome summer so far,” says Pracht.



Nuria Duque, Ebunoluwa Sholagbade and Madison Mitchell enjoy the swinging seat at Buddy Attick Park.



Gaye Houchens grills hot dogs at the camp barbecue..

Photos by Yael Pachino



Niles Brown, Cole Edmonds and Jordon Goings play ball at the park..



Duncan Corcoran, Craig Farmer and Christian Hunt prepare food for the picnic..



Intern Darius Ross gives counselor Sandra Okafor a piggyback ride at the picnic for Camp Pine Tree and Camp Yogo.

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